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1. The shipyards at Gdansk (Danzig) are constructing about 20 trawlers for the Polish Navy.
2. The shipyard at Gdynia is constructing about 18 small cargo ships, about 850 dwt. each, for the USSR. these ships will be powered by diesel motors. These ships, some of which have already been launched, bear Soviet names spelled in Cyrillic characters and also in small Roman letters.
3. The destroyer BURZA is being modernized in the Gdynia shipyard and is expected to be finished the end of September 1953. A liquid fuel tank, which was located near the aforementioned destroyer, exploded at the end of May 1953. However, not know whether or not the explosion was the result of sabotage or an accident.
4. All of the new ships which are at present under construction in Polish shipyards will be equipped with special demagnetizing apparatus. This apparatus, which is similar to that installed on the former German ship KUTNO, is installed in the aft end of the ships.

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1. Comment. the United Gdansk Shipyards was constructing 20 trawlers, but not for the Polish Navy. The USSR ordered these trawlers in 1951. It is possible, however, that the 20 mentioned above belong to another group.

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